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Memorandum

TO : Chief, Enforcement Branch
Alcohol and Tobacco Tax, Atlanta 1, Georgia

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SUBJECT: S. F. Reg. SI - 5045(NFA) - Guerrilla Activities - California Minute Men

Report of Investigation conducted in relation to above caption on Fredrick C. Locke, Jr., 5 Winthrop Drive, Aiken, South Carolina, who was suspected of a probable violation of the N.F.A.

Fredrick Locke, Jr., 5 Winthrop Drive, Aiken, South Carolina. Finished High School at Batavia, N.Y., February, 1943 - enlisted U.S. Marines February, 1943- discharged March, 1946, having reached the rank of Sergeant. Fredick C. Locke, Sr. a Medical Doctor with the Veterans Adminstration was transferred to Columbia, South Carolina. As a result of this transfer Fredrick C. Locke, Jr. entered the University of South Carolina in 1946 and graduated 1950 with a B. S. Degree in Chemical Engineering. June, 1950 - October, 1951 recalled U.S. Marines. December 6, 1951 employed at Savannah River Project (Atomic Energy Commission), Aiken, S.C. in non- sensitive job. Q clearance by F.B.I. 2-2-52. Mr. Locke is still employed at Savannah River Project. He is a member of American Chemical Society, American Motorcycle Club and plays Trombone in Aiken Municipal Band. He is married and has two small children.

Interviewed Mr. Ralph Dion, 10 Clemson Drive, Aiken, South Carolina. The rear of Mr. Dion's lot joins the rear of Mr.Locke's lot. Mr. Dion said he had no knowledge of this man working on guns in any way, however he said that Mr. Locke did own several guns and did enjoy hunting. Mr. Dion said that Mr. Locke had a small building located at the rear of his property, but he kept his lawn mover and other yard tools in it.

Interviewed Mr. John Maloney, Supervisor over the area in which Mr. Locke is employed. Mr. Maloney stated that Mr. Locke is a designer and a very good one. He indicated there was no outside interests other than hunting & Municipal Band.

Interviewed Mr. Edwards, Manager of Southern Bell Telephone, Aiken, South Carolina regarding long distant telephone calls to and from MIdway 85568 the residence phone of Mr. Locke. There was no record of calls other than routine calls to family.

Interviewed Mr. William Reardon, Manager of Micro & Engineering Company, 1226 Pickens St., Aiken, South Carolina. Mr. Reardon said

He did not know Fredrick C. Locke, Jr. and there was no record of this firm having ever dealt in any manner with this man.

April 8, 1963 I interviewed Fredrick C. Locke, Jr. at the Savannah River Project in the presence of AEC Security officials Mr. Joe M. Cavanuagh and Mr. Thomas A. Murray. Mr. Locke was advised of his rights under the provisions of the United States Constitution, in that he did not have to make any statement, nor could he be compelled to do so, however if he did make any statement anything he might say could be used against him in a Criminal Prosecution. I asked Mr. Locke if he understood and he said that he understood.

Q. Have you ever designed or made a firearm or a part of a firearm?

A. I have designed or made drawings of firearms, but I have never sold these drawings nor have I ever made a firearm.

Q. Could you make a firearm?

A. No, I could design it and show someone else how to, but I am not a machinist.

Q. Have you had any correspondence with anyone regarding the designing and manufacturing of firearms or parts of firearms?

A. Yes, a Mr. Rugo, Los Angeles, California.

Q. Can you tell me what this correspondence consisted of?

A. No, not right off hand I cannot, because I do not remember exactly what I wrote.

Q. Why did you write this man?

A. I subscribe to the Shotgun News and I saw an add in this paper by this man. The add said he wanted Thompson Submachine Guns, M-3 and BAR in restorable condition. I spent 4 years in the Marines and I was very familar with the guns refferred to in the Add. I am a designer and I knew I could design this type of weapon. I answered the add to determine if the market for this type weapon was as good as the add implied. If he had of answered me and the offer was lucrative enough I would have applied for the proper license under FFA, with which I am familar, I would have designed the weapon had it made. Automatic guns are much easier to produce than even a revolver. The Germans during World War #2 used stamp presses to stamp out machine gun parts. None of their machine guns were hand tooled, they were all stamped out.

Q. How long would it take to turn out this gun you are referring to?

A. I can design this gun and show someone else how to make it. I could take the design of this weapon to Area 773, the Machine Shops and have a servicable gun in working order by 6:00 P.M., that is how simple this gun is to make. The hardest part of this gun would be the bolt as the weight of the bolt is determined by the size of the cartridge.

Q. Are you the Agent for anyone dealing in firearms?

A. No.

Q. Do you own any weapons?

A. Yes.

Q. Has any of these weapons been modified?

A. No.

Q. Do you have any machinery at your home that could be used in the manufacture of firearms or parts of firearms?

A. No. I wish you would search my premises to satisfy yourself that I do not.

Q. Would you sign a waiver, waiving your rights under the provisions of the Fourth Ammendment to the Costitution?

A. I most certainly would. You have no idea how silly I feel at the moment. I want to get this cleared up. I have too much at stake to get envolved in somthing like this. I never realized that my curosity would get me envolved like this. I get off at 5:00 P.M. and usually get home at 5:30 P.M. If my wife asks any questions I will tell her you are looking at some photograph equipment I have, because if she knew what this was all about I would never live it down with her.

5:30 P.M. I was at 5 Winthrop Drive when Mr. Locke arrived. He signed the waiver attached and I searched the premises. In the small building at the rear was a photograph enlarger, a few carpenter tools, lawn mover and junk. In the house was the following weapons, none in violation, 1898 Mauser Rifle, 7.7 MM Japanese Rifle, .22 cal. single shot Winchester Rifle, 12 Gauge automatic Winchester Shotgun, M-1-30 cal. carbine, fixed stock and 45 cal. Colt Automatic.

Mr. Locke said that he was going to forget about firearms and concentrate on his trombone playing.

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